Arendalsk

Arendalsk, **Arendal dialect** or **Arendal Norwegian** (Bokmål and Nynorsk: *Arendalsk*, *Arendalsdialekten*; the Arendal dialect: *Ændalsk*) is a dialect of Norwegian used in Arendal.

Arendalsk	
Region	Arendal
Language family	Indo-European ▪ Germanic ▪ North Germanic ▪ West Scandinavian ▪ South Norwegian ▪ **Arendalsk**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–
Glottolog	*None*

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Phonology

- Intervocalic /p, t, k/ are realized as voiced [b, d, g]. This feature appeared in this dialect in the 20th century.[1][2]
- A uvular [ʀ] realization of /r/ was established in Arendal before the 20th century.[1][2]
- /ʀ/ is frequently dropped, so that e.g. *Lars* becomes *Læs*.[2]
- The ending ⟨–er⟩ is pronounced [ɔ], so that the word for 'basement' is *kjeller* in Bokmål, but *kjellå* in the Arendal dialect.[1][2]

According to the linguist Gjert Kristoffersen, a recent change is that the postvocalic /ʀ/ is *vocalized* to [æ̯], rather than dropped. The phonetic diphthongs [ʉæ̯] and [uæ̯] may be monophthongized and lowered to, respectively, [œː] and [ɔː], so that the words for 'to do gymnastics' and 'thorn' (which phonemically are, respectively, /ˇtʉʀne/ and /ˇtuʀne/) vary in their phonetic realization between, respectively, [ˇtʉæ̯nə] ~ [ˇtœːnə] and [ˇtuæ̯nə] ~ [ˇtɔːnə]. This process may be extended to mid vowels.[3]

Tonemes

Phonetic realization

Tonemes of the Arendal dialect are the same as those of the Oslo dialect; accent 1 is low-rising, whereas accent 2 is falling-rising.[4]

Notable speakers

- Gjert Kristoffersen[3]
- Rockebandet Ændal, a heavy metal band that sings in the Arendal dialect

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